

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
January 10, 2006 – 6:00 PM**

PRESENT: Jim Workman, Chairman
Cliff Pratt, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin
Ben Moore
Virginia Bridle-Russell
James S. Barrington, Town Manager
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

Chairman Jim Workman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to address petitioned articles that have come in today as well as other matters.

Article 12 – *“....raise and appropriate the sum of \$574,800 (\$459,840 to be funded by an 80% CMAQ grant and \$114,960 to fund the 20% local share) for all costs of procurement, engineering, design, and construction work associated with a bike path / road widening project along Exeter Road eastward from the Hampton-Exeter town line to Interstate Highway 95...”*

Mr. Barrington said that DRA recommended the wording for this article.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to recommend the Article 12 as amended. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Article 21 – *“....rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c as to the Hampton Recreation Fund, a Special Revenue Fund created by Article 19 of the 2000 Town Meeting and funded with revenues generated from recreation department programs and activities, and transfer any surplus remaining in said Fund up to the sum of \$28,000 to, and to establish, a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II....”*

Article 22 – *“... rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c as to the Hampton Private Detail Fund, a Special Revenue Fund created by Article 17 of the 2000 Town Meeting and funded with revenues generated from Police and Fire Department private details, and transfer any surplus remaining in said fund up to the sum of \$130,000 to, and vote to establish, a Hampton Private Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, I(c);....”*

On page four there are three items that DRA have recommended. That the dates should be specified. Therefore, the articles dealing with special revenue funds are retroactive to January 1, 2006. DRA has reviewed Article 21 and 22.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to recommend the Article 21 and 22 as amended. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Article 24 – *“...rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c as to the Fire Alarm Fund, a Special Revenue Fund created by Article 53 of the 2003 Town Meeting to operate, upgrade, and maintain a Fire Alarm System in the Town of Hampton, and to expend any surplus remaining in said Fund up to the sum of \$1,000 on costs of decommissioning any fire alarm system equipment or lines utilized by the Fire Department that are no longer needed within the Town of Hampton.”*

June 30 as the affective date has been included.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to recommend the Article 24 amended. **Mr. Pratt SECONDED.**

Discussion – Mr. Pratt thinks that the Article 24 is still confusing because people think there will be no fire alarm services in Town.

Attorney Gearrard recommended include “the existing Town operated alarm service and the Fire Alarm Fund”.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to amend the motion to have the following wording the existing Town operated alarm service and the Fire Alarm Fund”. Included in Article 24. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR
VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: UNANIMOUS FOR

Article 25a – *“....appropriate only the sum of \$90,000 from revenues generated from the Police Forfeiture Fund, a Special Revenue Fund created by Article 55 of the 2003 Town Meeting to carry out all lawful functions allowed under federal, state and local criminal justice forfeiture programs...”*

Mr. Barrington said that we received a note from the Budget Committee Chairman reminding the Board to include an article for the Police Forfeiture Fund proposed.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to recommend Article 25a as presented. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Article P18 – *“.....Rockingham Community Action and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to defray the costs of services provided to low and moderate income Hampton residents for basic and critical needs.....”*

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to recommend Article P18 as presented. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**
VOTE: DEFEATED
Article is not recommended by Board

Discussion:

In past years Community Action has had a turbulent relationship with the Welfare Department. Since there are new staff members involved in the Welfare Department liaison may change.

Article P19 – *“....authorize and appropriate the sum of \$291,961 to hire eight (8) additional firefighters for the Hampton Fire Department, with four (4) being hired effective July 1, 2006; and four (4) additional firefighters to be hired on September 1, 2006....”*

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to recommend Article P19. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 2 FOR
3 OPPOSED – Moore, Griffin and Pratt**

Discussion:

Mr. Griffin said that during budget discussions the Board approved to hire four more firefighters. According to the proposed Article it is suggesting eight. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that if there is a default budget and there is not enough money there is no guarantee that four firefighters will be hired. The petitioned article is to ensure that firefighters will be hired. Mr. Barrington said that the money could not be spent on anything else and that the Board of Selectmen would make the final decision. It could pass yet the Board may decide not to support hiring additional firefighters.

Mr. Moore asked if the money indicated in the article is appropriate. Mr. Barrington is not certain if the amount is adequate as it is a petitioned article and he is unaware of how it was computed. Mr. Moore also questioned if uniform allowances, and training time, medical expenses have been included in this amount. Mr. Barrington said that the amount could be amended at the deliberative session.

Article P23 – *“.....AIDS Response-Seacoast, a non-profit corporation, in providing direct services to persons with HIV infection or AIDS, and in providing education and prevention programs that inform the public how to stop the spread of HIV infection, and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton appropriate the sum of \$2,700 to defray the costs of services provided to Hampton residents.*

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to recommend the Article 23. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman